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CHILD PLACING AGENCY LETTER 2004-02

TO: Child Placing Agencies and Family Courts that Certify Foster Homes

SUBJECT:

- Mandated Reporting Requirements for Children's Protective Services

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

MANDATED REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILDREN'S PROTECTIVE SERVICES

The Licensing Rules for Child Placing Agencies that became effective 01/01/2001 do not contain a rule requiring child placing agencies to develop and follow a written plan to assure compliance with Section 722.623 of the Child Protection Law.

MCL 722.623 identifies persons required to report suspected child abuse or neglect. Regulated child care providers, including staff from child placing agencies and foster homes, are mandated reporters and are expected to follow the provisions for reporting cases of suspected child abuse to the local office of the Family Independence Agency. The requirements for both an oral and a written report, the contents of the report, and other reporting information are contained in this section of the Child Protection Law.

The Child Care Organization Act, PA 116, of the Public Acts of 1973, as amended, requires that child care organizations, including child placing agencies, provide services that are conducive to the welfare of children. MCL 722.115(1) To assure compliance with the Child Protection Law, OCAL will assess compliance with MCL 722.623 under MCL 722.115(1). A new rule will be promulgated requiring child placing agencies to develop and follow a written plan assuring compliance with MCL 722.623.

If there are questions regarding this letter, please contact Patricia Riviera, Child Foster Home Licensing Consultant, at (517) 241-0979.

Sincerely,

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